

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1 -18 continue to be active in the application subsequent to entry of this amendment.

The examiner's comments included in the official Action were considered and followed in the above amendments to the specification and claims.

In response to item 6 of the Action, in the specification topical headings are provided and various informalities and spelling/typographical errors are corrected.

Responsive to items 7 and 8 of the Action, claims 1, 5, 11, 14 and 16 are amended (with consequential changes to claim 12) following the examiner's helpful suggestions and comments.

None of the above changes/amendments constitutes added subject matter as will be appreciated in the Action itself.

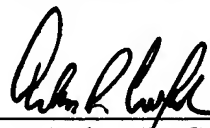
Item 9 of the Action states claims 1 – 18 would be allowable if suitably amended. This has accomplished so a Notice of Allowance is awaited. I

If there are any questions or further information is required please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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